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COUNTRY	<u>Austria</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC	1. <u>Soviet Troops in St Poelten</u>		25X1
	2. <u>Soviet Fuel Depot Northeast of Obergrafendorf</u>		
EVALUATION		ACE OBTAINED	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT			
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	16 June 1955
REFERENCES			
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. On 24 May 1955, 2 jeeps one [redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 2 trucks one [redacted] with a driver also wearing red-bordered black epaulets were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiessstrasse in St Poelten. Nine trucks, all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] were observed in front of the garage west of the former Kreisgericht. The doors of the Kreisgericht were open, its capacity was nine trucks, and it was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were sporadically observed at the Eugen Kaserne in the area of which six 37-mm AA guns were parked. Weapons and motor vehicles observed in the area of the Rainer Kaserne included six canvas-covered guns which were stored under a hitherto unused shedroof, and 11 trucks and 4 van-like motor vehicles which were parked in the yard of the installation. Soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets tarred telephone poles in the area of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the installation included jeep [redacted] and truck [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and van-like motor vehicle [redacted]. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 trucks and 3 van-like motor vehicles were observed in the area of Camp Spratzern. Motor vehicles observed entering or leaving the installation included trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soviet civilians were observed in 6 barracks on the Spratzern road which were partitioned by a wire fence from the rest of the camp.¹
2. On 24 May 1955, 3 fuel tanks were still observed in the area of the fuel depot northeast of Obergrafendorf, 10 kilometers southwest of St Poelten. The depot was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] these tanks were also already emptied as Soviet soldiers had allegedly sold its contents in the black market.²
1. Comment. There is apparently no change in the troops stationed at St Poelten.
2. Comment. The installation is presumably a depot of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The depot was not observed after August 1951.

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